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LIKE A PRAIRIE FIRE

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL MOVEMENT IS SWEEPING ALL SECTIONS OF AMERICA

"Copy from 'The Country Gentleman' by A. B. Macdonald.

"We have abandoned 131 one-room schoolhouses, and have only six of them left in the whole county, and we are getting rid of four of them this winter," boasts Randolph County, Indiana.

"We are gaining on you, and will soon overtake you," asserts Preble County, Ohio, to Randolph County Indiana. "We have only a few one-room schools left in the county, and before the end of another year they will all be abandoned."

"We can beat you both," proclaims Oklahoma. "We have two whole counties in which the last one-room school has been rooted out."

In former days Iowa was wont to puff up and vaunt herself upon the fact that all through the rural districts, wherever four sections of land cornered up together there stood a little white, one-room schoolhouse. There were 12,500 of them, two miles apart, throughout the entire length and breadth of the state.

"But now," boasts Iowa, "we are putting the one-room school out of business faster than any other state in the Union. Up to July, 1921, we had closed and abandoned 3308 of them."

"Hold on, don't claim too much," interrupts Indiana. "In the past few years we have abandoned 4,000 one-room schools, and we have only 4,853 left in the whole state, where you Iowa, have more than 9,000 of them."

"Yes, but at the rate we are closing them there will not be a one-room school in Iowa in six or eight years," answers Iowa.

"We are swatting the one-room school about as hard as any of you," says North Dakota. "In the past seven years we have taken 25,000 farm children out of one-room schools. We have 4372 one-room schools left in the state, but that's not so bad when you compare it with conditions in some of the older states back east. Look at Pennsylvania, for example, with 9,947 one-room schools."

Pennsylvania Talks Back

Thus brought to the bar of publicity Pennsylvania makes answer: "It is true that 67 per cent of our schools are of the one-room variety, but we are going to remedy that just as quickly as we can. We have hired Lee Driver, who did so much to wipe out the one-room schools of Randolph County, Indiana, and he is going to help us get rid of them in our state. We have enacted laws that will help Driver in his work. One provides that schools having an average attendance of ten or fewer pupils must be abandoned and the children cared for in another district, and the state has appropriated \$300,000 to help transport pupils to better consolidated schools. Still we are not so badly off as Illinois, with 10,145 one-room schools."

"We plead guilty," says Francis G. Blair, superintendent of public instruction in Illinois. "There is abundant evidence that thousands of these little one-room schools have no right to exist. The interests of the community, the interests of the children, the change in economic as well as educational conditions demand that they give way like the reap hook and the plow with a wooden moldboard, to a more modern and efficient instrument."

"If you want to see real progress in the abandonment of one-room schools come to us," declares Utah. "In the past single year we reduced the number of one-teacher schools 18 per cent. We have fewer than two hundred one-room schools left in the state. The Presidents Indictment

South Carolina has enlisted in the war against one-room schools, and has abandoned 828 of them in the past few years.

Texas has recently passed a law providing that any school district having fewer than twenty school-census children seven to

eighteen years old, must close and abandon its school, and the district must be consolidated with an adjoining district. The state appropriated one million dollars a year for the past four years, "to promote the country public-school interests of the state, and aid the people in providing adequate school facilities for the education of their children."

Under this new law a district that was abandoned would be granted aid from the state for one-half the cost of transporting its children to a better school. Of the 11,022 elementary and high schools in Texas 5,490 are one-room schools, but they are going fast; 144 consolidations of districts with one-room schools were made in 1919-20, and there were 635 consolidated schools, large and small, in the state in 1921, and 106 wagons were transporting 2,683 pupils at a cost of \$70,087 out of a total of twenty-five million dollars spent in the state for the maintenance of public schools.

Why are the forces in every state against it? What is the indictment against the one-room school?

Let President Harding state it; we quote from a recent speech: "We have just awakened to the fact that the education of the American child has fallen below the standard necessary for the protection of our future. We have to face the fact that our teachers are underpaid; that in physical training, in the teaching of American civil government and American history, in the principles of Americanism and Americanization we have been deplorably delinquent. But nowhere is there more cause for alarm than in the fact that the rural school term is far too short and that four fifths of the rural schools are one-teacher schools, resulting in hasty and careless teaching; and that the opportunity for country boys and girls to have high-school educations is all too slight. We owe it to the childhood of the agricultural districts of our land to place at its disposal the utmost in educational facilities."

Can you visualize the bigness and importance of this movement? Already more than 2,000,000 country pupils attending consolidated rural schools, and consolidation spreading with amazing rapidity! Eventually it may mean a high-school education brought to door of nearly every farm boy and girl. At the rate rural children are accepting such opportunities and the avidity with which they learn, the cities have something to think of if they want to keep pace.

PETIT JURORS DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM

The following is a list of the petit jurors drawn to serve at the March term of the Sanilac county circuit court, which opens at Sandusky on Monday, March 13:

Minden, Chas. M. Brown
Austin, Thos. M. Brown
Greenleaf, Wm. Mc Callam
Evergreen, Geo. M. Davis
Argyle, Geo. Langenburg
Wheatland, Joseph Phillips
Marion, Wesley Hamm
Forester, Robt. A. Grice
Bridgehamton, Clayton Willis
Custer, Walter Mater
Moore, Elias Jacobs
Lamotte, Chas. Thomas
Marlette, Peter Byrnes
Elmer, John Bissett
Watertown, Edw. Schultz
Washington, Reuben Butler
Sanilac, Josiah Burgess
Lexington, Chas. S. Clark
Buel, Walter Holbrook
Elk, Lewis N. Green
Flynn, Daniel Jones
Maple Valley, Maggie Stokan
Speaker, A. H. Wark
Prenont, Walter McCaughey
Worth, Eugene Harvey

Say it with Liggett's, the chocolate with the wonderful center, at the Rexall Store.

CHANGE IN THE METHOD

Of Holding Examinations and Issuing Certifications For The Rural Carrier Service

Rural carrier examinations that have heretofore been held to establish county registers and the name of an eligible was considered in certifying a vacancy at any office in the county at which he expressed a willingness to serve. The regulations providing that method of certification have been modified, and the county unit discontinued. Hereafter examinations will be held and eligible registers established for each post office from which rural delivery service emanates. Only persons residing within the delivery of the office at which the vacancy exists will be certified. The names of those eligibles resulting from examinations previously held for the various counties throughout the country will, however, be retained on the register for their respective local offices and considered for certification for all vacancies arising at such offices during their period of eligibility. Examinations will be held only for such post offices for which there are no local eligibles, and certifications will be issued accordingly. Where the Department orders the establishment of a rural route embracing territory not previously supplied by rural delivery service, a new examination will be held, even though there be an existing register.

U. S. Civil Service Commission.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Yale, Mich., Mar. 6, 1922

Council met in regular session, Mayor Jacobs presiding.

Aldermen present: McIntyre, Beal, Slosser, Elston, Williams and Barr.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Moved by Slosser and supported by McIntyre that all bills as approved by finance committee be allowed as read.—Carried.

Wm. Woodruff	.....\$100 00
A Graybiel	.....24 80
Joe Wilt	.....170 00
R VanNorman	.....100 00
Mary Beadle	.....45 00
J A Menzies	.....5 00
Election pencils	.....40
John Henry	.....100 00
Wm Lince	.....40 00
Express	.....2 48
John Hutton	.....59 08
Jennison Hdw Co.	.....8 33
Standard Oil Co.	.....23 98
Cons. Coal Co.	.....500 00
Elect Appl. Co.	.....180 33
J Hildebrandt	.....2 50
J Cascadden	.....16 00
W Beamer	.....8 75
E. Elsenheimer	.....7 50
L & W Fund	.....320 10
Doubladay-H D Co.	.....10 58
L Roy Fuller	.....22 50
Fire Co	.....24 00
Ed Toft	.....7 15
Elston Griffith Co	.....5 80
Chas Meharg	.....1 25
W F Ruh	.....45 00
Detroit Stoker Co	.....21 24
Solar Products Co	.....19 18
Flack, Pennel Co	.....2 31
Morley Bros	.....5 66
Firt National Bank	.....517 60
Yale State Bank	.....517 60
Geo W Elston	.....2 00
Robt Parkinson	.....28 00

Moved by Slosser and supported by Barr that the petition of Arthur Wobig be laid on the table for two months. Yeas: Slosser, McIntyre, Beal and Jacobs. (4). Nays: Williams, Barr and Elston, (3).—Carried.

Clerk was instructed to see the city attorney in regard to licensing pool room.

Moved by Beal and supported by McIntyre that the petition of E. Elsenheimer for building a lunch wagon on truck be rejected as it could not be built to comply with city fire ordinance.—Carried.

On motion council adjourned.

Mary Beadle, City Clerk

Appreciates Support Given

I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid vote given me at the recent Primary Election for the office of Mayor of the City of Yale. It certainly was an endorsement of my administration, and I pledge myself to do everything in my power during the coming year which will be for the benefit of the city.

Chas. W. Jacobs

THUMB TALES TERSELY TOLD

Items Taken From Newspapers of Neighboring Towns and Villages

Gagetown citizens will vote March 13 on the granting of a franchise for electric lights.

Agitation is being made in Lexington for prohibiting the playing of base ball on Sunday.

G. W. Paton, of Almont, has received a shipment of small mouth black bass which he will plant in Echo Lake.

Jerry Ryan has purchased the Hotel Clifford at Clifford. It will be renovated and re-furnished and opened April 1st.

A new kind of "flu" has appeared in Bad Axe. It is called "intestinal influenza" and effects both the throat and the stomach.

C. M. Youngs, who has a berry farm at Almont, has purchased three acres of land on Main street which he will put into cherry trees.

Orders for 8,000 cars on hand at the present time, gives evidence that the Wills-Lee plant at Marysville will be in operation steadily throughout the year.

The Aid society of the Harbor Beach M. E. church has compiled a cook book of over 100 pages, the profits of which will go to the church.

Governor Henry J. Allen, of Kansas, lectured for Port Huronites on Thursday night last. His subject was "The Responsibility of the State for Domestic Tranquility."

A two-story frame house on the farm of Hopkins Dean, near Brown City, was destroyed by fire last Saturday. The blaze started from an oil stove. Practically nothing was saved.

Through clinics and examinations conducted by the state department and County Nurse Mollie McKinney, ten tubercular persons were found at the present time in Huron county.

Charles R. Osius, jr., of Port Huron, lately associated with the Port Huron Press as editor and general manager, has assumed charge of the Lapeer County Clarion as editor and manager.

From March 15 to 25 Port Huron will have several entertainments on display for the public. It is the time of the Auto Show; the Industrial Exhibit; the final concert of the Music Memory contest and throughout the ten days the merchants will feature their commodities to the best advantage.

Two years ago the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Gyllyk of Sanilac county, drank lye instead of milk and came near dying. She has been in the Children's Hospital in Detroit since, seemingly improving, excepting that her throat was closed and she had to be fed artificially. Recently she became very ill and died last week, aged four years.

After the Port Austin Electric company set a price of \$13,000 on its plant, and the public utilities commission roughly estimated it to be worth \$15,000, and that it would cost \$17,000 to replace, the village council did not act on the resolution to permit the people to vote on bonding for \$13,000 to purchase same, Henry Schegel, a company official said he would withdraw the offer.

When a 1,990 pound bull being shipped to Bad Axe last week, which was traveling in a combination car broke loose and backed into the smoking compartment of a Pere Marquette train about eight miles from Saginaw, there was a near-panic among the passengers, who made a hurried scramble for safety and the animal jumped from the train. The dispatcher at Saginaw was notified and a party of men sent to search for the bull, which was recaptured, and was apparently uninjured.

Base ball goods at the Rexall Store.

WALLACE REID RUNS AMUCK BIFF! BANG! \$30,000 GONE!

Star a Vandal in Cecil B. De Mille's Big Picture, "The Affairs of Anatol"

Securing \$30,000 worth of furniture for a single interior setting and then smashing the entire outfit before the camera produces photoplay realism, but at a well-nigh prohibitive cost. Yet that is what Cecil B. DeMille did in his Paramount production, "The Affairs of Anatol" which will be shown at the New Princess Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The setting in question serves as a background for a part of the story portrayed by Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, Elliott Dexter, Bebe Daniels, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts and other all-star players. It is an ultra-luxurious apartment and Howard Higgins production manager for Cecil B. DeMille productions, was instructed to spare no expense.

The result was an attractive suite, designed by Paul Iribe—furnished with approximately \$30,000 worth of furniture. This included a valuable set of Louis XVI chairs, a magnificent carved photograph case of unique design a grand piano, lamps, mirrors, tables, a desk, lounge, pictures and bric-a-brac.

At the climax of this episode, Wallace Reid was instructed to run amuck, smashing everything breakable in the set. The orders were comprehensive and Reid obeyed to the letter. Not one stick of furniture remained in its original shape when the vandalism was complete! Using the small pieces of furniture as bludgeons, Reid shattered everything in sight while the camera clicked just out of range of his blows. Mirrors, chairs, lamps, phonograph and piano were demolished one by one. As a conclusion to the scene, the husky star seized the huge overstuffed divan and hurled it bodily thru the French doors at one end of the set.

CONCERT POSTPONED

The Sacred Concert and Organ Recital which was to have been given Tuesday evening in the Presbyterian church was postponed until further notice on account of the bad condition of the roads.

It was late Tuesday afternoon before this action was taken. Ticket holders will receive due notice of a further date.

The choir from Port Huron would have found the roads impassable after dark, and it was not possible to leave there earlier.

The ladies of the church had provided refreshments for the visitors after the concert, but served a delicious supper to the home choir at 6:30.

ST. PATRICK'S BALL

A grand St. Patrick's Eve. dance will be given in the Auditorium at Yale March 17th. Everybody welcome. Music by Hutton's six-piece orchestra. Bill, \$1.25, war tax included.

S. E. Barr, Manager

Symphony Lawn at the Rexall Store.

WHY SERVICE WAS CUT

PERE MARQUETTE HEAD TELLS REPRESENTATIVES WHY AT PORT HURON MEETING TUESDAY

GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Capt. and Mrs. C. H. Sinclair, of Port Huron, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28, when a party of old friends spent the evening with them at their home on St. Clair street.

They were married in a house on Lapeer avenue which is still standing. Mrs. Sinclair was Mary Brockway, daughter of Lewis Brockway, of Old Brockway, for whom the village was named. Doubtless some of Yale citizens will remember her.

The guests at the anniversary reception brought many gifts and the couple also received many gifts in gold and money, also messages of congratulation from relatives and friends in other places. Mrs. Sinclair was the recipient of a beautiful gold wrist watch from Chicago friends.

A feature of the occasion was a large wedding cake, made for Mrs. Sinclair at the time of her marriage and which she had preserved to grace the wedding of her daughter, if she had one, but no daughter came of this marriage. There were three sons, one now deceased.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB

An adjourned meeting of the Music Club was held on Monday evening at the home of Leona Holcomb, for the purpose of the annual election of officers.

The inclemency of the weather kept so many away that there were not enough present to make a quorum, and therefore it was necessary to adjourn the business until the regular meeting on Tuesday next, which will be held with Mrs. Fred Wilt, and is called for three-thirty instead of four fifteen.

On Monday evening the music memory selections for the week were played and sketches of the composers given.

O. E. S. MEMBERS

On account of the next regular meeting occurring on the same evening as the lecture course entertainment we have petitioned Grand Chapter for a dispensation to hold our meeting on Tuesday, March 14.

The program for this meeting consists of letters from distant members and replying to each one. Every member will be anxious to attend this meeting, so we have taken this means to accommodate.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a mother and daughter banquet May 12th.

There will be several memory contest numbers played at the Princess Theatre Saturday evening.

Chickie supper at Yale Restaurant after the dance March 17th. Come and enjoy a good meal.



Decreased revenues and declining patronage together with continued high operating expenses were given as the justification for paring down Pere Marquette service in the Thumb by Frank H. Alfred, general superintendent of the road in the hearing before the state public utilities commission Tuesday morning.

The Thumb district was well represented by men of prominence at the meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce, Port Huron this week Tuesday.

In opening the hearing Earl B. Stewart, commissioner, explained that the commission had decided to come to Port Huron in order to enable representatives from the affected districts to attend in larger numbers than would be possible if the hearing was conducted in Lansing.

The policy of the commission, he said, would be to give one citizen from each locality an opportunity to speak in behalf of the effects upon his own community.

Mr. Smith said the hearing would take on the nature of providing an exchange for helpful ideas which might lead to a better adjustment of the condition than now exists and suggested that the speakers would not confine themselves to making complaints.

He asked S. L. Merriam, general counsel of the Pere Marquette to present the case of the line.

Mr. Merriam asked Mr. Alfred, general superintendent, to outline the causes that had led to the curtailment of service in the Thumb district.

Mr. Alfred said that more than one important line in the country was divorcing its branch lines because of inability to make them pay on short hauls, where other means of transportation were more generally employed.

He mentioned the fact that the Pere Marquette had functioned for the government for 26 months at no cost to the government.

When the line was taken back under private direction, he said, the railroad took over \$10,000,000 worth of equipment purchased by the government at a cost to the railroad of more than 40 per cent of what it would have had to pay at the time of assuming the management again.

Public highways, he said, had been constructed at \$20,000 or \$30,000 a mile, double the cost of building a similar length of railroad line.

"We can make no objection," he remarked, "when a community can assure itself a cheaper transportation route than the railroad can supply, but at the same time we believe it is most unfair to undertake to force us to continue service which is maintained at a tremendous loss to us."

In business conducted through the Thumb district, Mr. Alfred said that a comparison of figures showing passenger traffic in 1916 over short hauls of 25 miles or less showed a falling off of 34 per cent; between 25 and 50 miles, 18 per cent; between 50 and 75 miles, a gain of 13 per cent was noted, and a gain of 45 per cent in distances of 75 miles or over.

\$150,000 CANNING FIRM NOTES GIVEN APPROVAL

Lansing, Mar. 2—The securities commission Thursday authorized the Michigan Canned Food Co., of Yale, to issue \$150,000 notes. The company began business last year. It was represented that it needs money to carry through its 1922 campaign, to complete payments for materials purchased last year.—Detroit Free Press, March 3.

The Willing Workers Class of the M. E. Sunday school entertained the Live Wire classes on Friday evening last with a box social. About 50 children spent a most enjoyable evening at the church.